

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2010. In view of the amendments above and the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 and 25-28 remain in this application. Claims 1-11, 13-15 and 21-28 have been amended. The claims in general are amended for one or more non-statutory reasons, for example to correct one or more informalities or obvious errors, remove figure label numbers, remove unnecessary limitations, and /or replace European claim phraseology with U.S. claim language having the same meaning. The claims are not believed to be narrowed in scope and no new matter is added.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the courtesy granted to Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Scaturro (Reg. No. 51,356), during a telephonic interview conducted on Thursday, June 3, 2010. During the telephonic interview Applicant's attorney also provided a proposed amendment to Claim 1. It was generally agreed that the proposed amendment overcomes the 112, 2nd paragraph rejection in the instant Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Specification was objected to for a non-descriptive title. The title has been replaced with a new title. It is believed the new title is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd par.

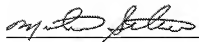
Claims 1, 4, 9, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejection of claim 1 is understood to be based on the premise that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation – “wherein each pixel further comprises a light blocking structure (100) formed from the thin film layers in the proximity of the light-sensitive device.” Claim 1 has been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection. Claims 1, 4, 9, 10 and 11 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph because the term “substantially” renders those claims indefinite. Claims 1, 4, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-20 and 25-28 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Mike Belk, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel, Philips Electronics North America, at 914-945-6000.

Respectfully submitted,



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